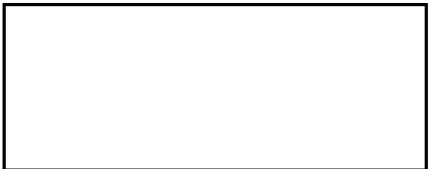


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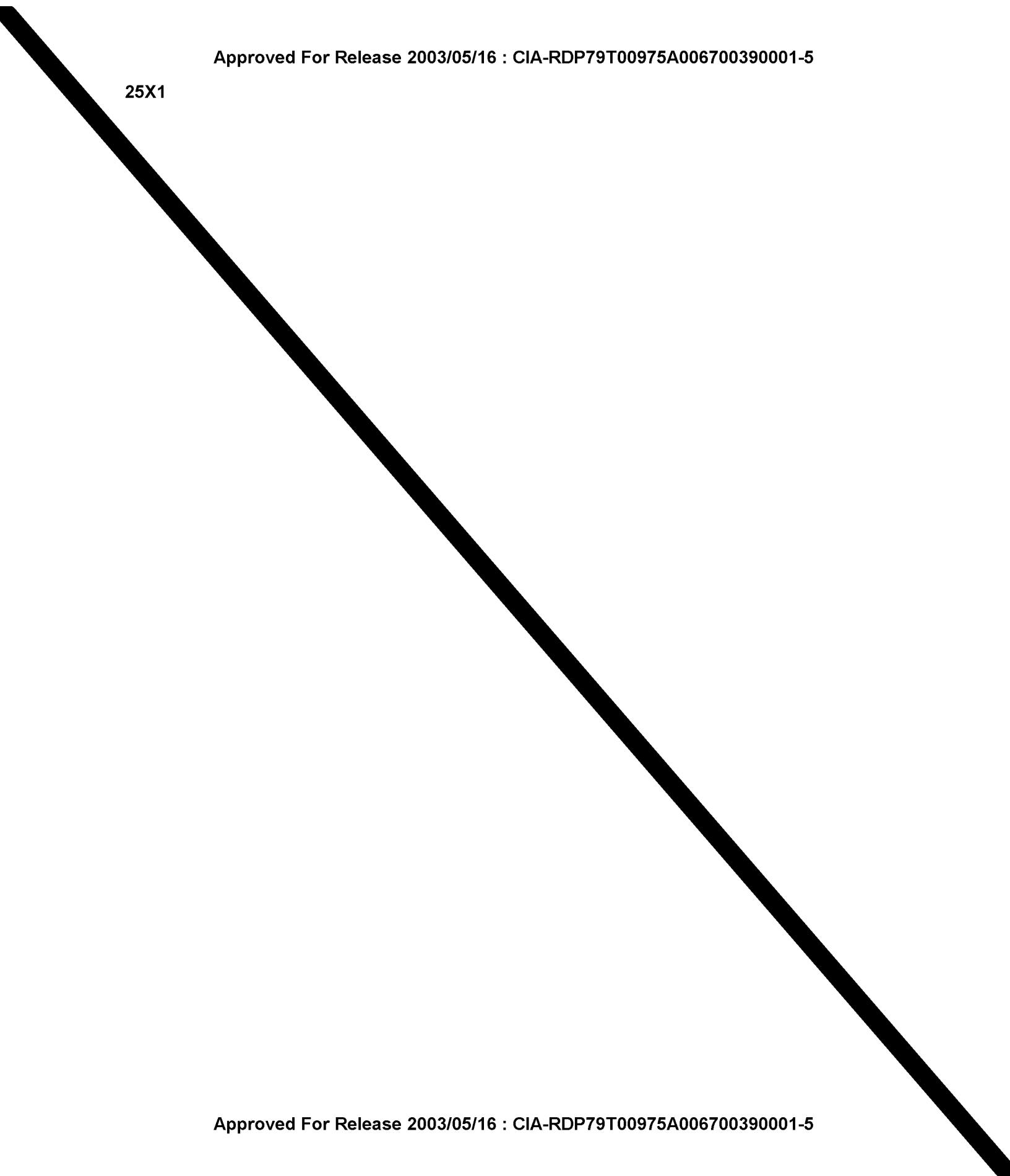
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***Congo:** Tshombé appears to have accepted a Belgian proposal that Union Minière pay all of its foreign exchange earnings to the UN-controlled Monetary Council in Leopoldville. In so doing, he probably hopes to delay imposition of Western and UN pressures.

According to a Belgian official at the UN, however, Tshombé's acceptance is conditioned on his proceeding to Leopoldville to participate in the formation of a government which would exclude Adoula.

In any event, the division of funds envisaged among the company, the Katanga government, and Leopoldville seems likely to give the central government substantially less than the 50-50 split specified in the UN plan, and is unlikely to be acceptable to Adoula.

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*Sino-Indian Border:

the Chinese have begun to pull back at various points along the front, including Bomdila in NEFA and Demchhog in Ladakh. the Chinese are now north of Bomdila.

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the location of Chinese forces has been confirmed by Indian patrols as well as by "civilian observers." Some of the information may, however, be based on front-line photoreconnaissance by Indian aircraft.

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Prime Minister Bandaranaike will visit the two capitals in about two weeks, after the adversaries have had a chance to study the proposals. This schedule will give both sides additional time for maneuver.

Khrushchev's statements on the border dispute in his 12 December speech were sharply critical of China.

Although he approved the cease-fire announcement, Khrushchev did not support the Chinese proposals to end the conflict, and acidly reminded both sides--in remarks aimed particularly at the Chinese --that it would have been better if neither had resorted to arms.

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South Korea: A constitutional referendum on 17 December will begin the process leading to the establishment of a facade of representative government.

The junta intends to use a controlled elective process that will ensure the continued power of the narrow elite "core group" which carried out the May 1961 coup. Despite the regime's administrative efficiency and zeal for reform, it has failed to generate sufficient public enthusiasm to guarantee the winning of a popular mandate in a free election.

The revised constitution will almost certainly win approval in the referendum. A sizable negative vote or extensive abstentions would warn the government of difficulties ahead in managing the subsequent presidential and assembly elections. [redacted]

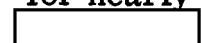
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Nepal: Foreign Minister Giri has announced that India may recruit in Nepal as many Gurkha soldiers as it wants and "use them as it thinks proper." This marks another step in the improvement of Indo-Nepali relations since the Chinese attacked India in October. Gurkhas recruited in Nepal now account for nearly 30 infantry battalions in the Indian Army.



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Venezuela: [C] The Venezuelan Communist Party (PCV) reportedly plans a new terrorist campaign in Caracas to create public unrest and to obtain money and weapons for the party. []

[] the central committee on 9 December ordered a series of bombings, robberies, and assaults on security forces beginning 12 December.

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